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SUBJECT: 2007 YOUNG DIPLOMAT'S ESSAY CONTEST

1. The Foreign Service Youth Foundation and Diplomatic Automobile Sales are sponsoring the Worldwide Young Diplomat's Essay Contest, open to high school and middle school Foreign Service youth. The first place high school winner receives \$1000 cash and the second place high school winner receives \$500 cash. The first place middle school winner receives \$250 cash. Winners also will be invited to the annual youth award ceremony held in the summer.

2. The 2007 high school essay should be 750 to 1000 words long. The topic is: Analyze and explain how the members of the Foreign Service promote United States national interests by participating in the resolution of today's major international issues.

3. In writing your essay, use the following as your guidelines:

A. Select a specific current international issue that is of importance to you in United States foreign policy and explain why you have chosen it.

B. Describe and analyze the role of members of the United States Foreign Service in conducting diplomacy to resolve this particular issue and discuss the immediate consequences.

C. Keep in mind the United States national interests include: national security, protection of American citizens, human rights, democratization, free market economics, countering terrorism, free trade, and sustainable economic development.

4. The middle school essay should be 500 to 750 words and answer: If you were an American diplomat, which American qualities and ideals would you emphasize in your service in a foreign country and why?

5. Eligibility rules for essay contest:

A. For the high school contest: All high school students whose parents were or are US government employees that have served or are serving at an American diplomatic mission for at least one year may participate. Eligible students must be in grades nine through twelve attending a public, private, parochial school, home school or a high school correspondence program.

B. For the middle school contest: All middle school students whose parents were or are US government employees who have served or are serving at an American diplomatic mission for at least one year may participate. Eligible students must be in grades six through eight, attending a public, private, parochial school, home school or a correspondence program.

C. Students whose parents are judges or are members of the Board of Directors of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation are not eligible to participate.

6. Contest procedures:

A. Submit your original essay in English on the designated topic;

B. Submit a completed signed registration form available at <http://www.fsyf.org/award/essayContests.html> or request the form from fsyf@fsyf.org;

C. All submissions must include a word count, excluding the list of sources and the registration form;

D. Entries must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point Times New Roman or an equivalent font with a one-inch margin on all sides of the page;

E. You must staple and attach the registration form to your completed essay. Remember to include your page numbered essay, with a title and sources;

F. You must include your name, mailing address and phone number, and an e-mail address;

G. E-mailed or faxed applications are not acceptable;

H. Your essay will be disqualified if it does not meet the requirements or is postmarked after May 1. It must be received by May 15, 2007.

7. Send contest essays attached to a copy of your registration form to the following address:

Diplomat's Essay Contest
Melanie Newhouse
Foreign Service Youth Foundation
17707 Caddy Drive
Derwood, MD 20855

8. Contest deadline: Submissions must be postmarked by May 1, 2007. Contest winners will be announced by June 30. Your essay will become the property of the Foreign Service Youth Foundation once it is submitted, and will not be returned.

9. Please make this contest widely known at your post to maximize the opportunity for the young people in your community. A camera-ready advertisement and a set of rules will be sent to all CLOs via e-mail in the FLO's "FLO-CLO Connection" for post's convenience or by pouch to posts not receiving this publication. Contact Pamela Ward at Wardpa@state.gov if you do not receive them. We appreciate your assistance in advertising this contest as widely as possible at your post. Thank you.

10. Questions regarding the contest rules or guidelines can be directed to Melanie Newhouse fsyf@fsyf.org or 301-404-6655.

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